GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RAJASTHAN
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV;RASA SINGH RAWAT

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received by the Union Government from Rajasthan Government in regard to providing financial assistance for the development of archives, public libraries and museums in the State;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether provisions have been made for the use of Hindi in the said archives, public libraries and museums; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a)&(b): Yes Sir, proposal for development of Archives, Public Libraries have been received for financial assistance as detailed below. No Museum is being provided financial assistance by the Central Government in the State of Rajasthan.

(i)Archives: During the financial year 2000-2001, no request has been received for development of Archives in the State of Rajasthan. However, two proposals- one in 1998 and another in 1999-2000 were received from the Rajasthan State Archives. No action was taken in respect of proposal received during 1998-99 due to non-receipt of Utilisation Certificate of the grant given earlier to Rajasthan State Archives. As regards the proposal received in 1999-2000, a grant of Rs.4.80 lakhs was released to the State Archives.

(ii)Public Library: The Government of Rajasthan has been participating in the Schemes of Raja Rammohun Library Foundation, an autonomous body under the Deptt. of Culture set up to promote public library services all over the country since 1972. The Raja Rammohun Library Foundation has been providing financial assistance under different schemes to the public libraries. During the current year, the Government of Rajasthan has finalized the proposal to derive financial assistance of Rs.20.00 lakhs from the Foundation. Action is being taken by the State Government in pursuance of the Annual Action Plan of the Foundation to implement the schemes.

(c) & (d): State of Rajasthan falls under Region `A` of the Official Language Act where hundred per cent of the official work is to be done in Hindi. The above mentioned institutions are under the control of State Government and it is for the State Government to enforce the provisions of Official Language Act in the offices under their control.